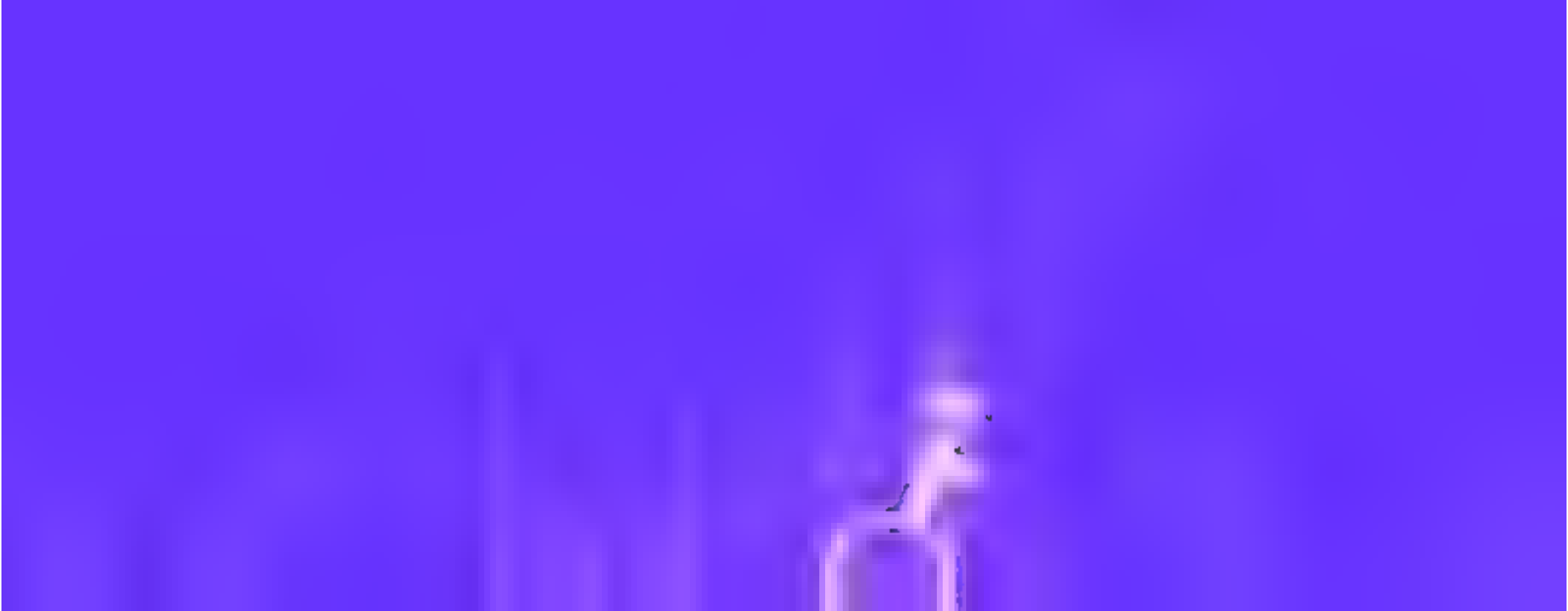
TAK
TAK

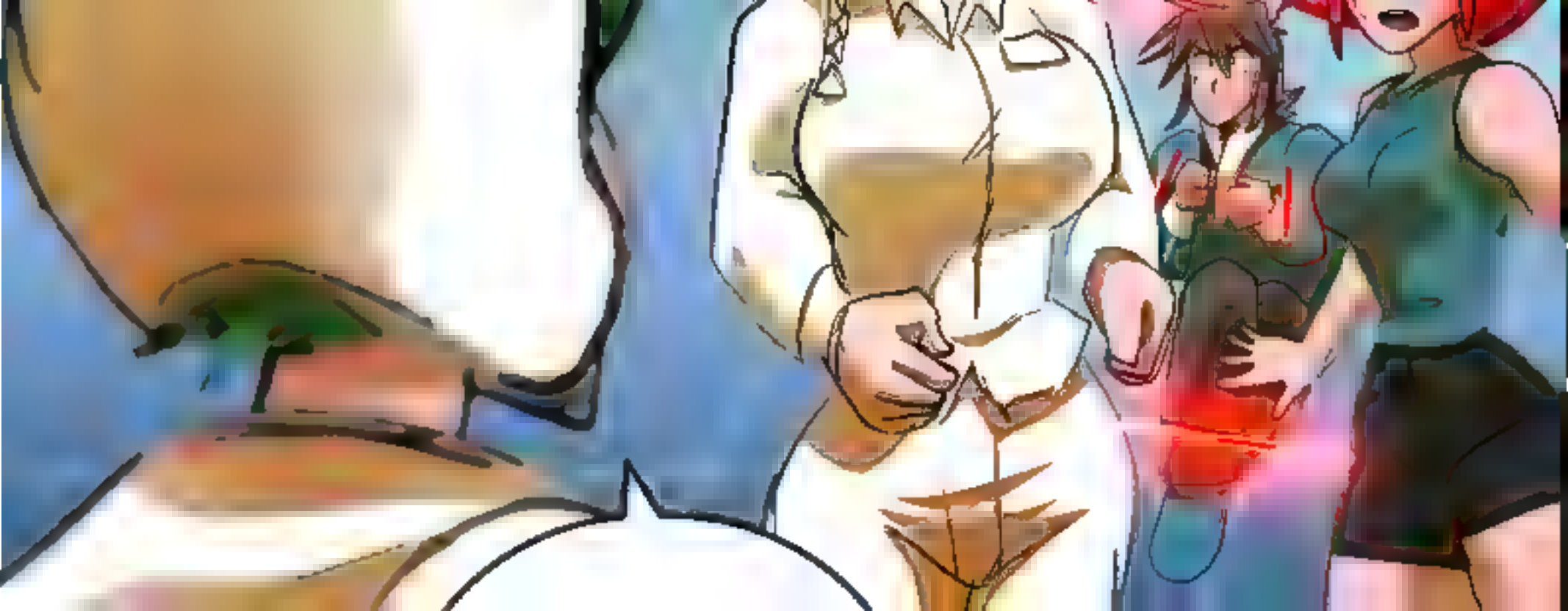
LET
HIM GO.

HE'S NOT A SPY.



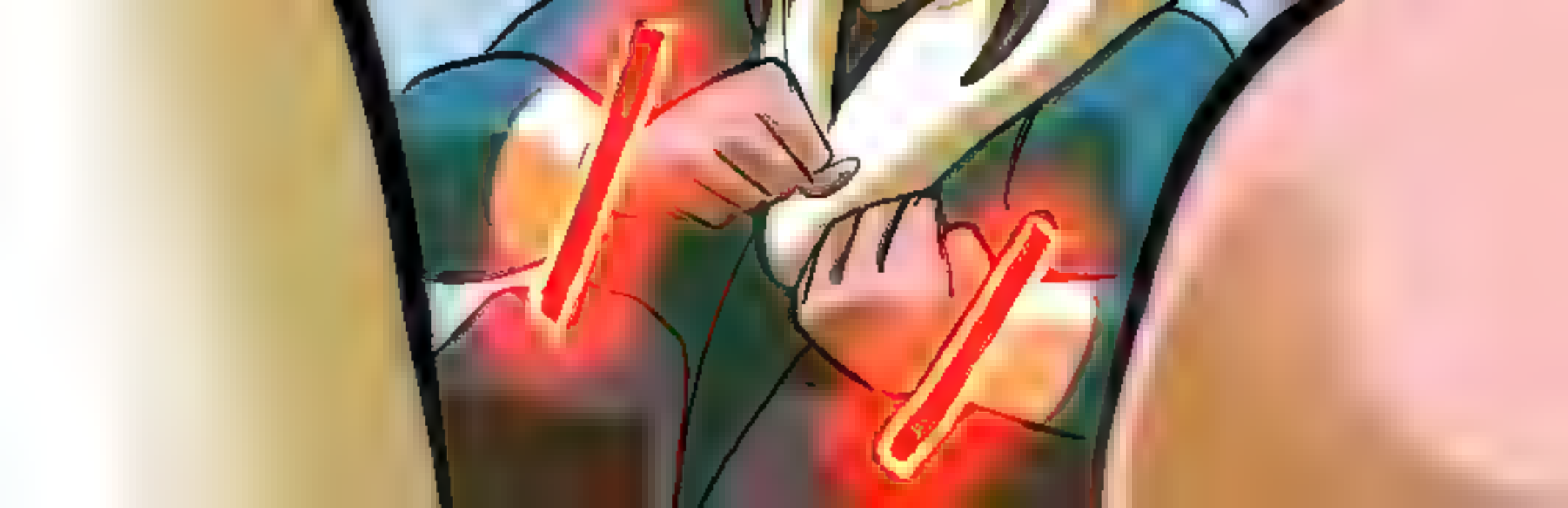
AMELIA!
YE KNOW
THIS MAN?

THIS MAN?



YES.
HE'S WITH
ME.

GYRUS!?!?

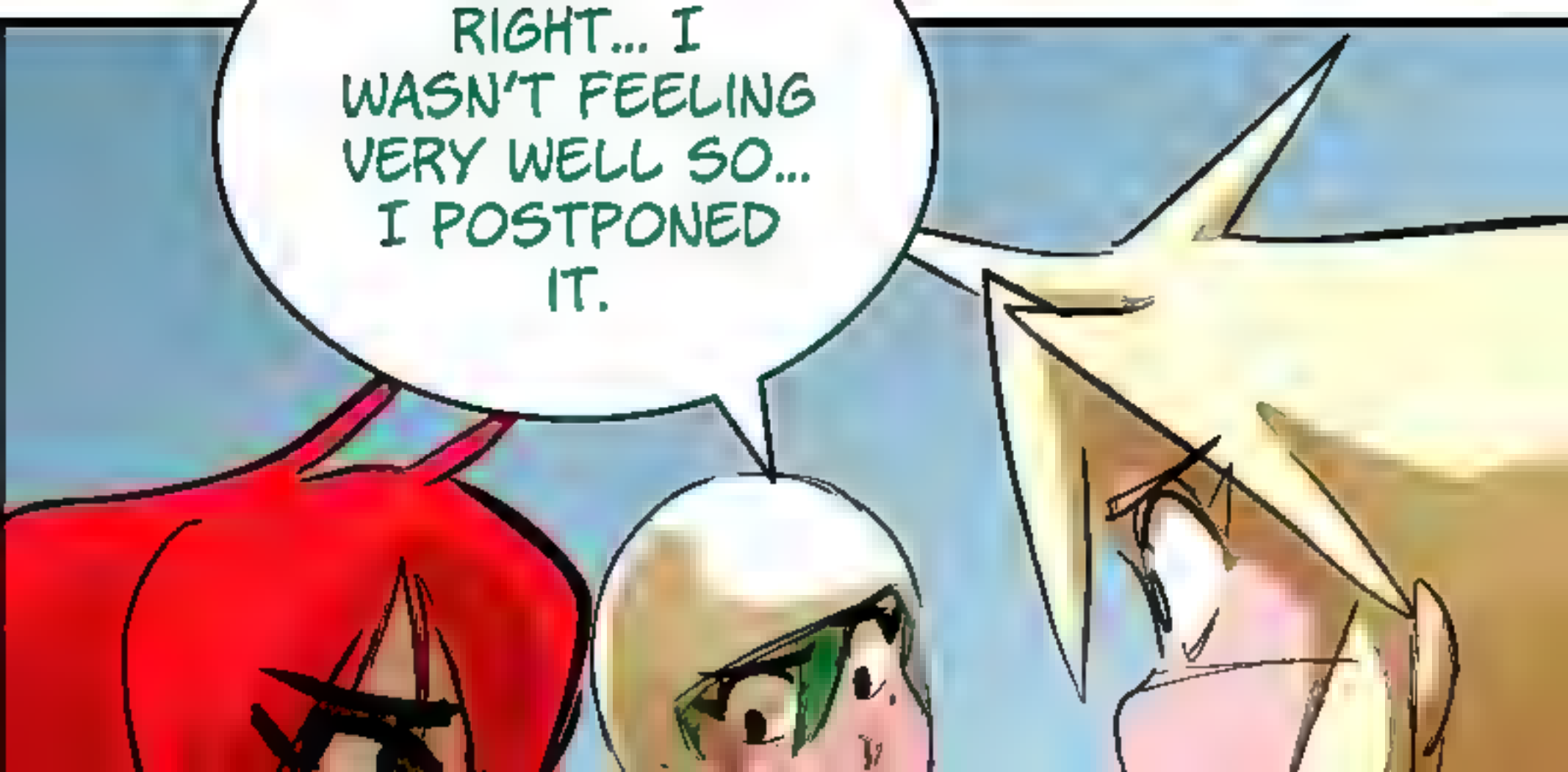


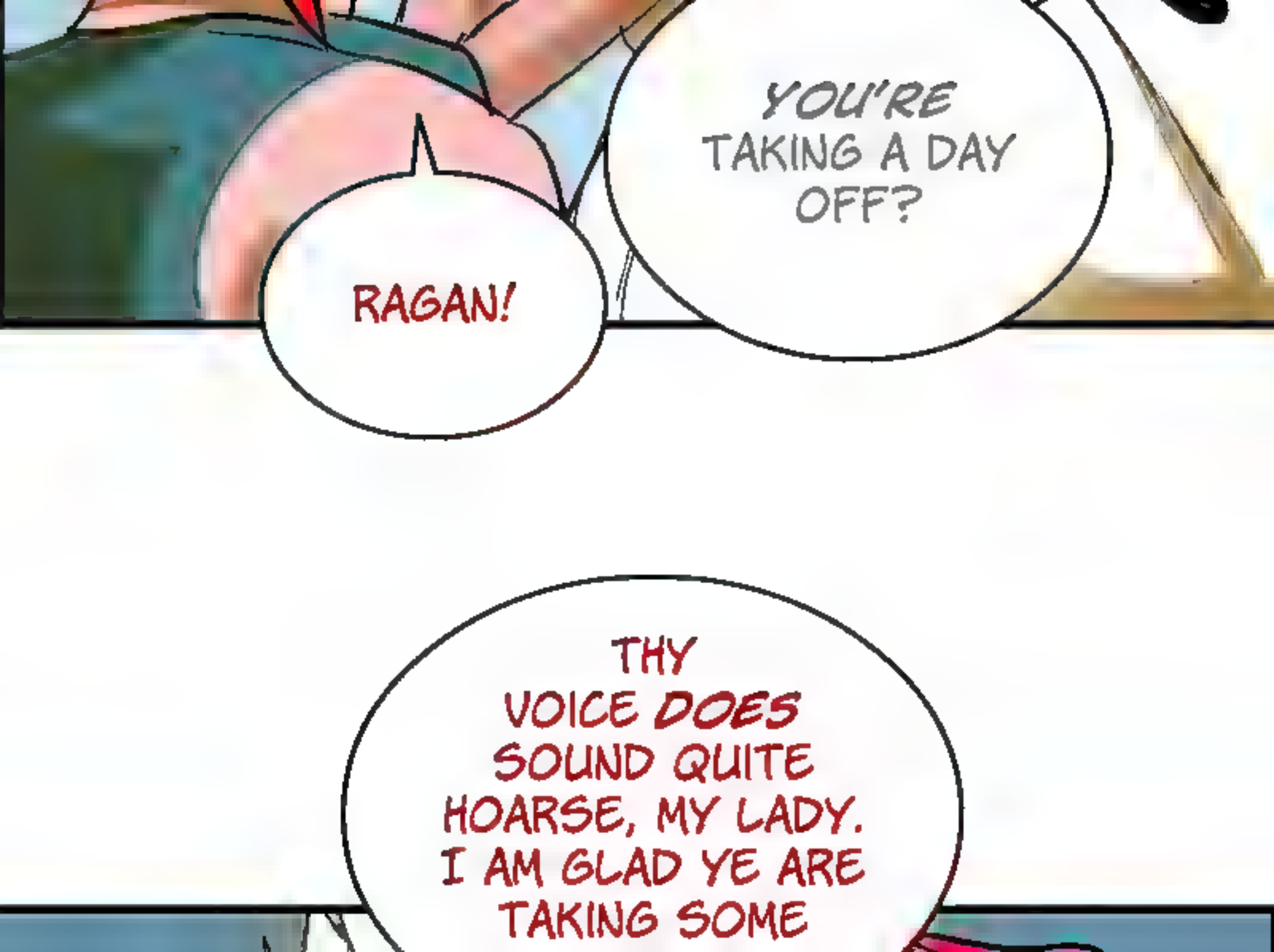
KODYA...
DON'T. SAY.
A. WORD.

AMELIA...?
WHAT ARE YOU

STILL DOING HERE, DIDN'T YOU HAVE A TRIP PLANNED FOR TODAY?

UH,

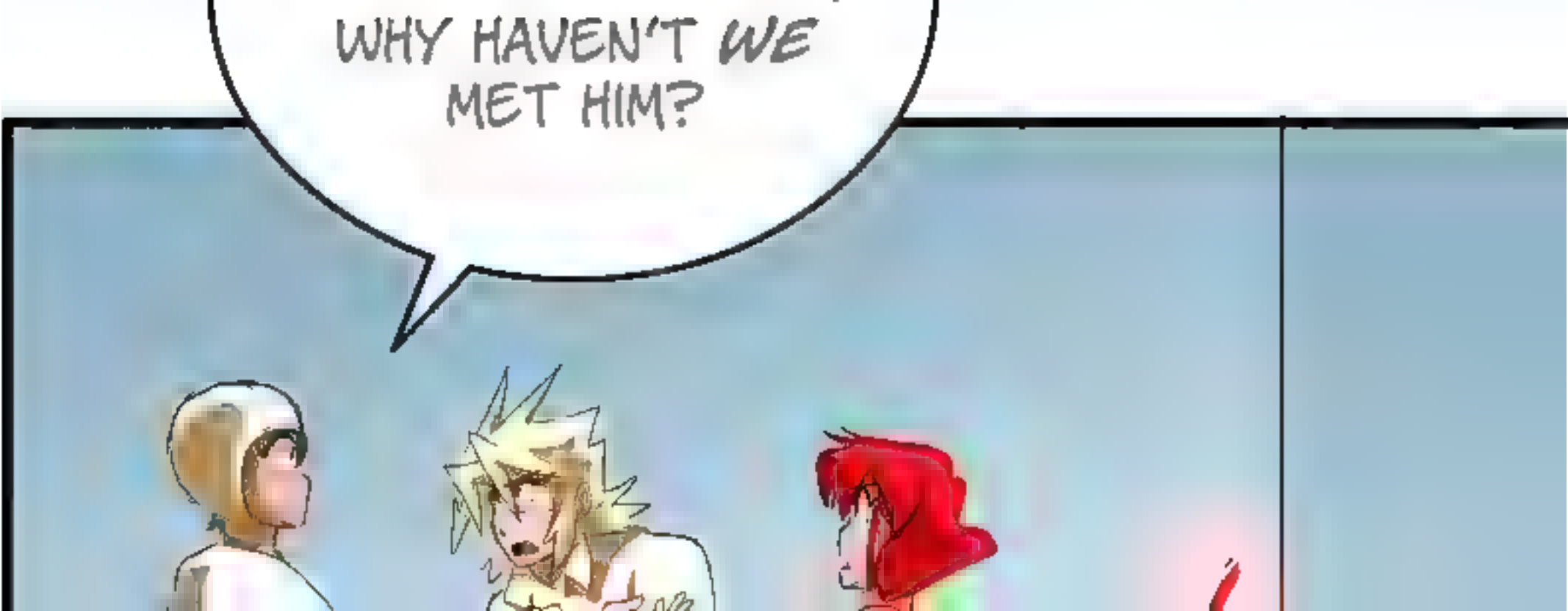

RIGHT... I WASN'T FEELING VERY WELL SO... I POSTPONED IT.

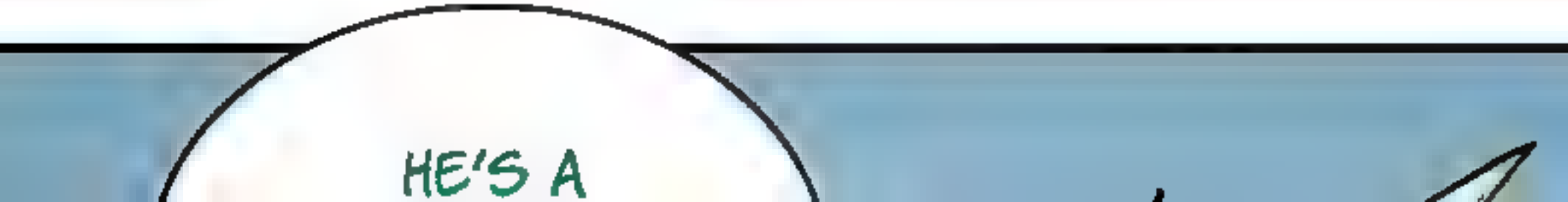

YOU'RE TAKING A DAY OFF?
RAGAN!
THY VOICE DOES SOUND QUITE HOARSE, MY LADY. I AM GLAD YE ARE TAKING SOME

REST.
KAGAN

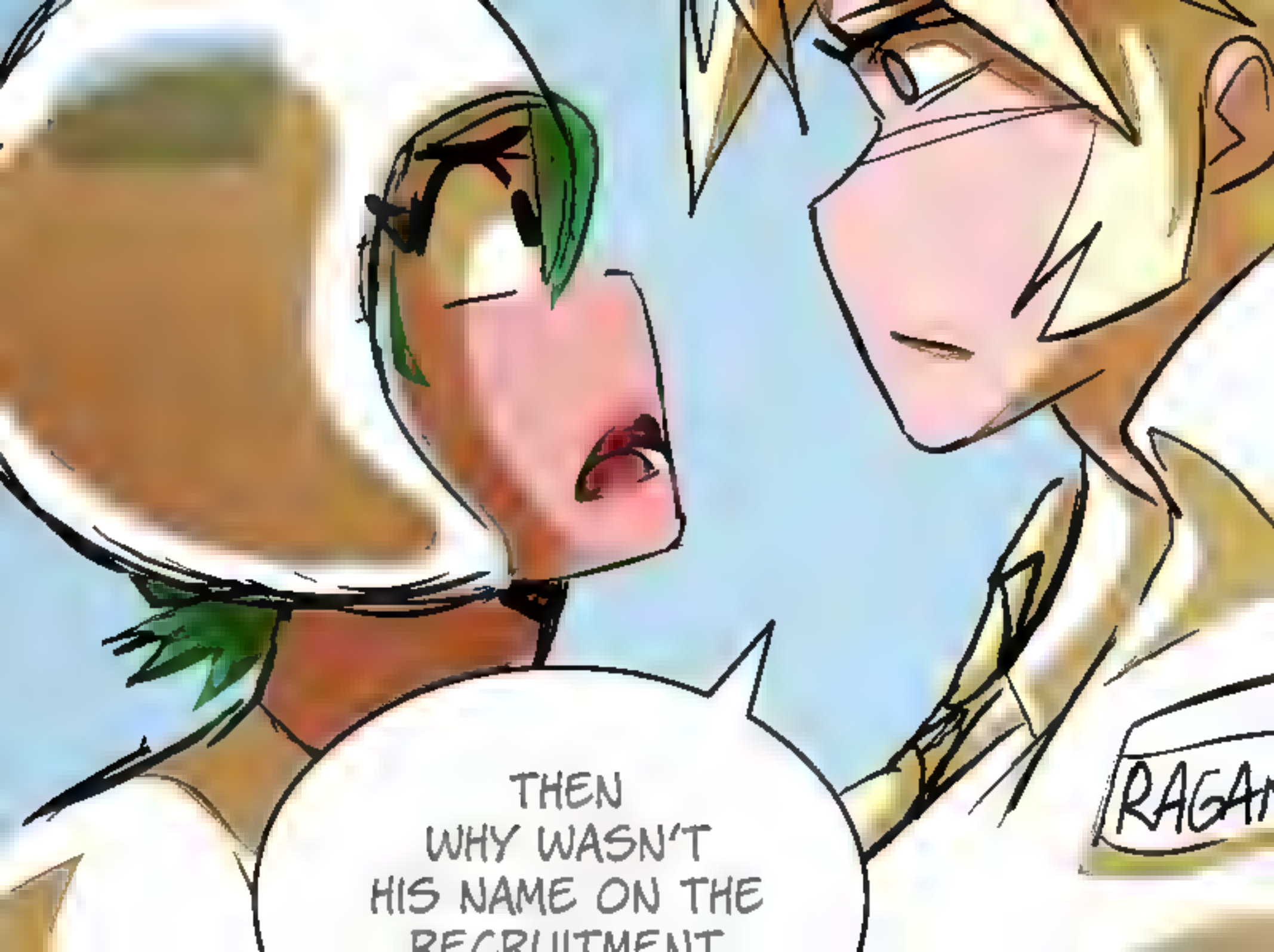
PLEASE
FORGIVE US
FOR TROUBLING
YE WITH THIS MIS-
-UNDERSTANDING.

WAIT
JUST A MINUTE...
IF HE WORKS HERE,


WHY HAVEN'T WE MET HIM?


HE'S A

NEW RECRUIT, HE JUST GOT HERE!


THEN
WHY WASN'T
HIS NAME ON THE
RAGA

RECRUITMENT
LIST?

AND WHY
IS IT THAT THE
DAY *HE* SHOWS UP IS

THE FIRST DAY YOU TAKE OFF IN YOUR ENTIRE CAREER?

HEH...
IS IT?

OF COURSE
RAGAN'S NOT

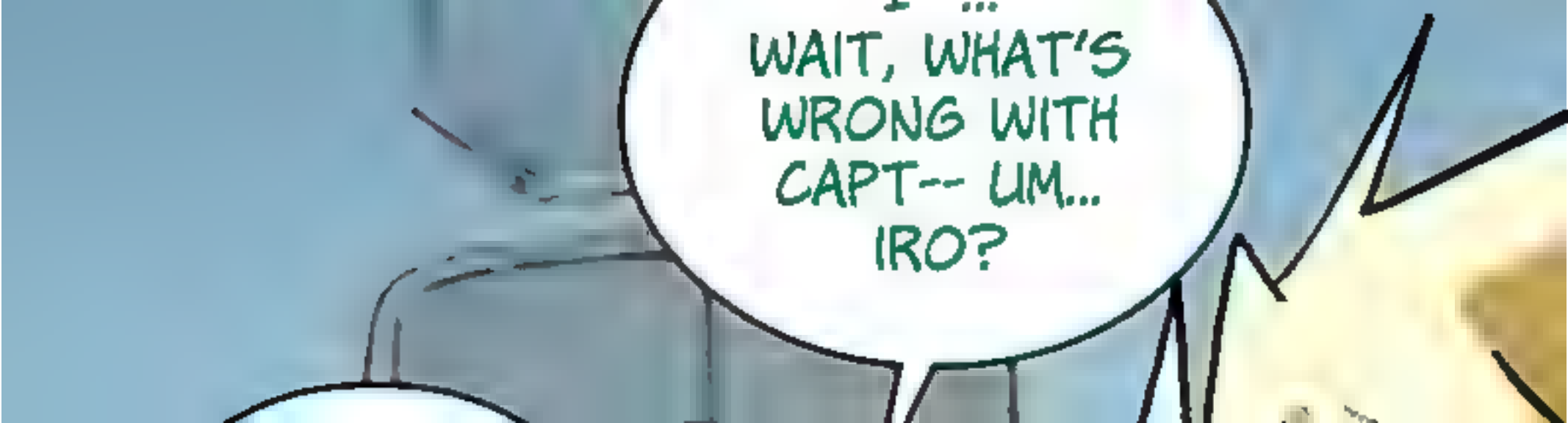
BUYING THIS
DISGUISE...

HE'S YOUR MISTRESS,

RIGHT?

RAGAN!!
TIS NOT OUR PLACE TO--

WHAT?
YOU ALWAYS
SAY SHE COULD
DO BETTER
THAN IRO.


WAIT, WHAT'S WRONG WITH CAPT-- UM... IRO?

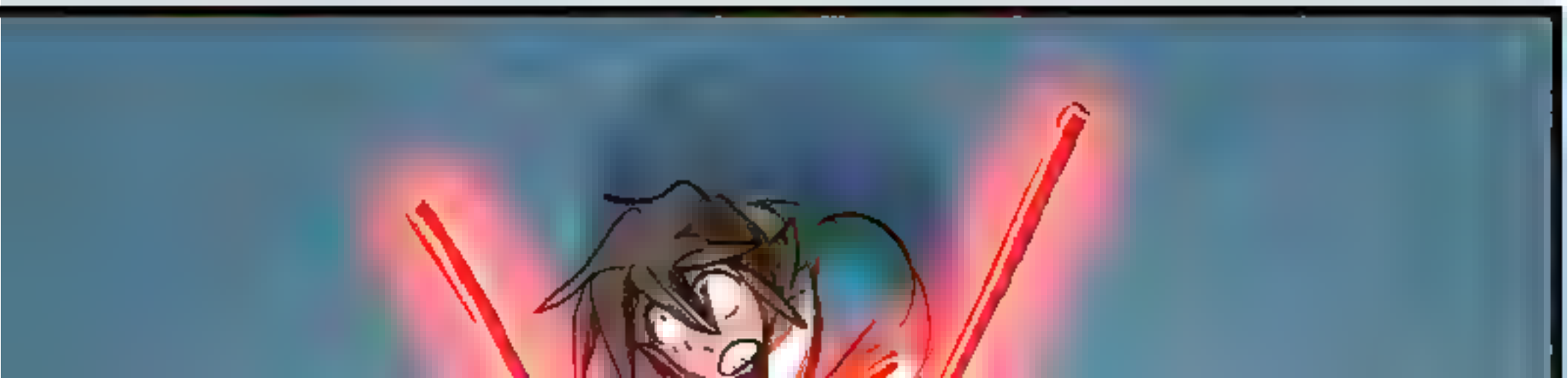
NOTHING!

FANCY PANTS

FANCY PANTS
THINKS YOU DESERVE
SOMEONE WHO'LL
TREAT YOU LIKE
A QUEEN.

UH, WELL, THAT'S... VERY KIND, BUT--

FOOD



THE FIREBIRD!

FLUTTER

I'M SORRY, IT MUST HAVE

FOLLOWED ME IN HERE!

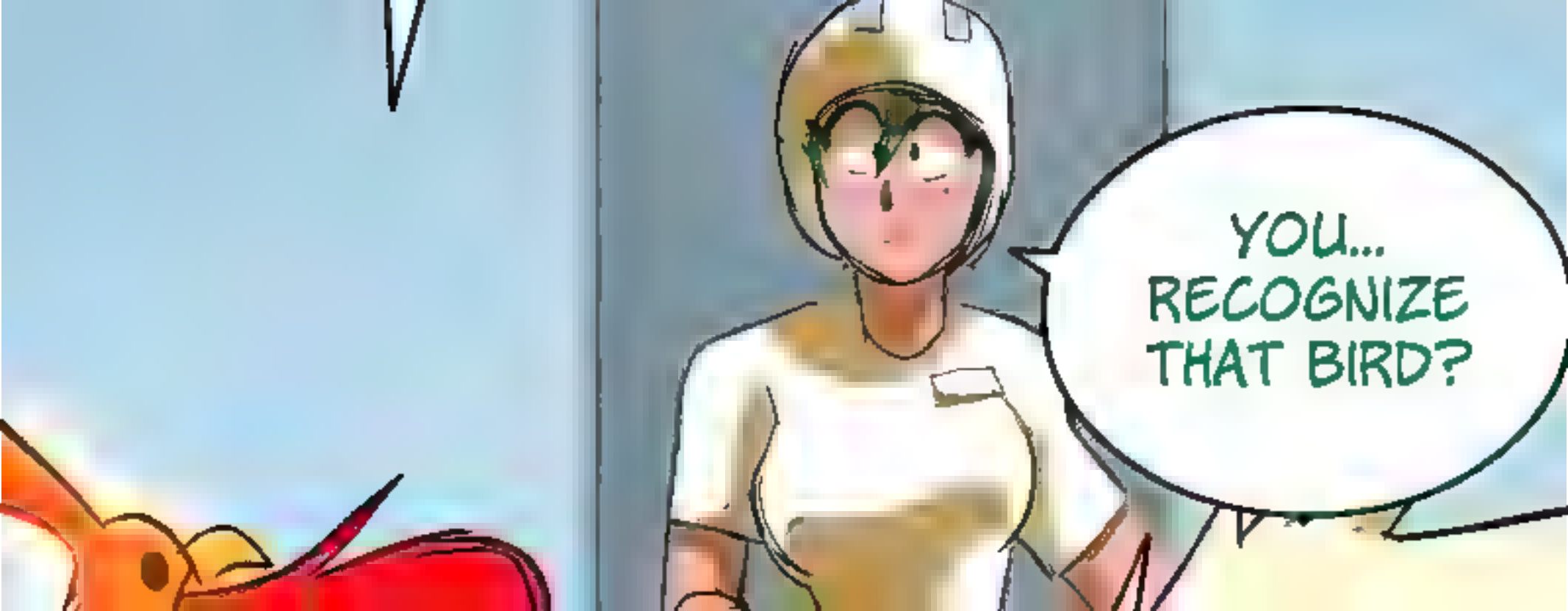
SCARLETT?

CHIRP
CHIRP

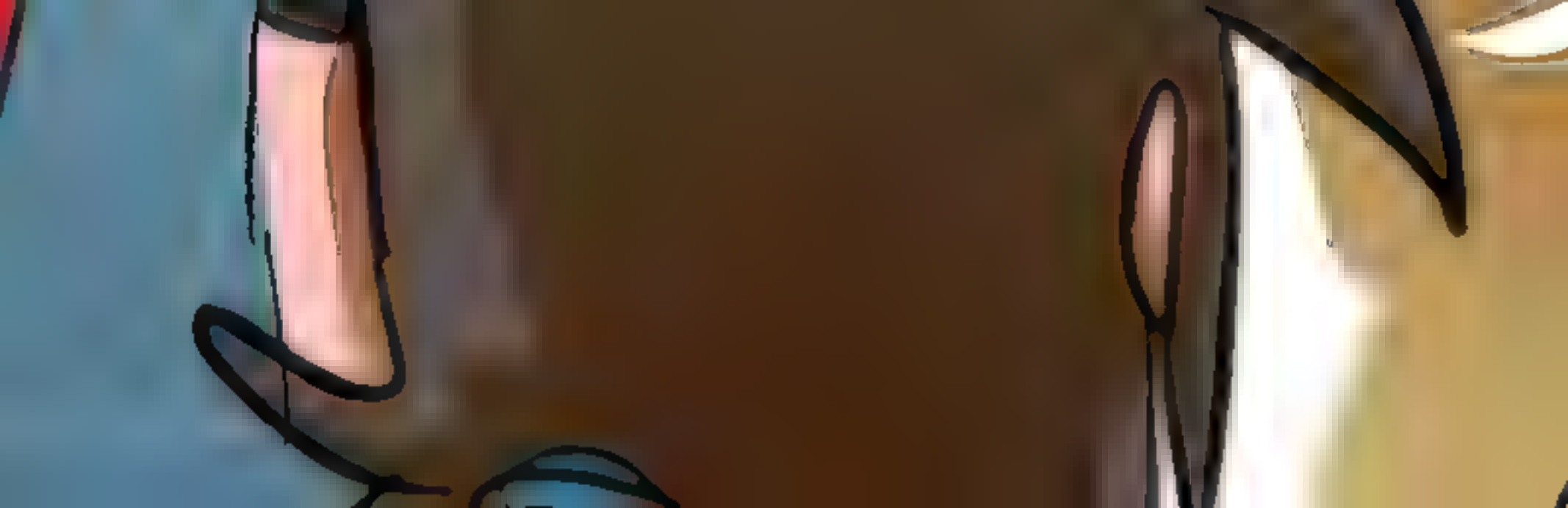
WHOA...
AMELIA FOUND
YOUR PET...

MY

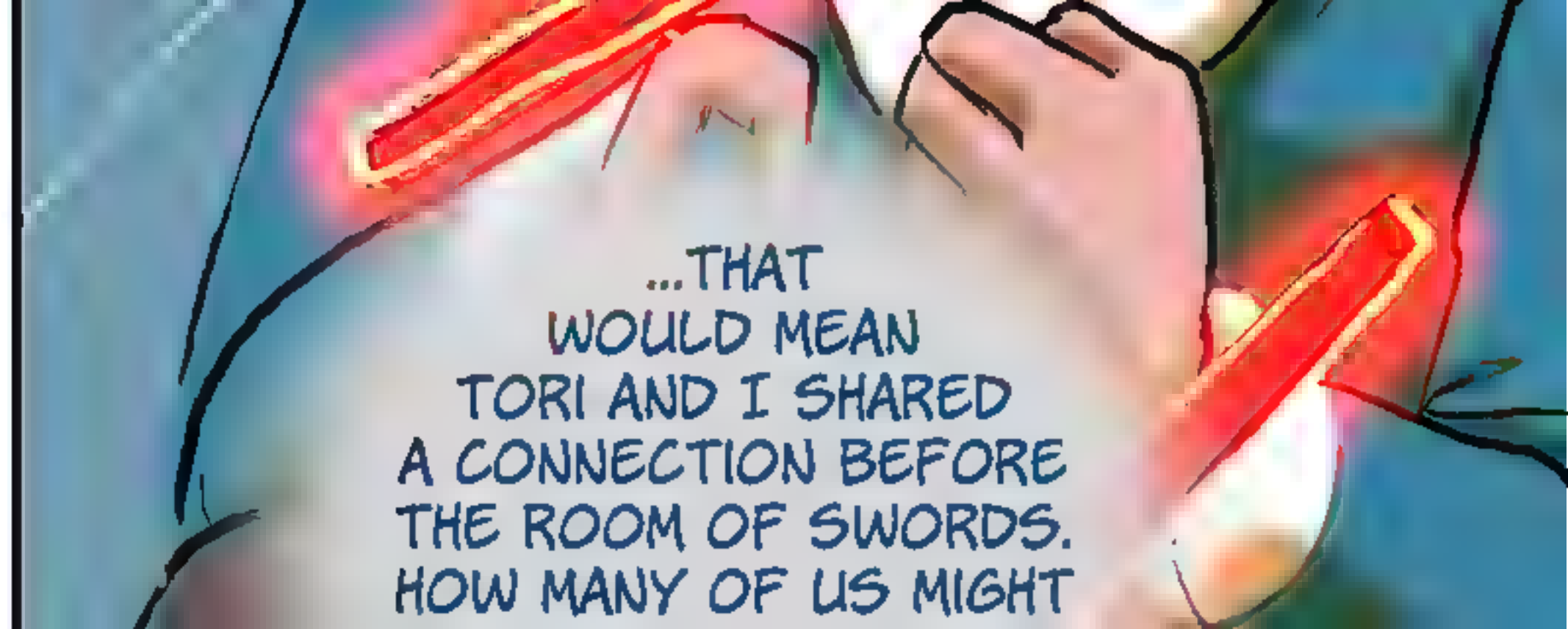
LADY... DID YE REALLY DO THIS FOR ME?

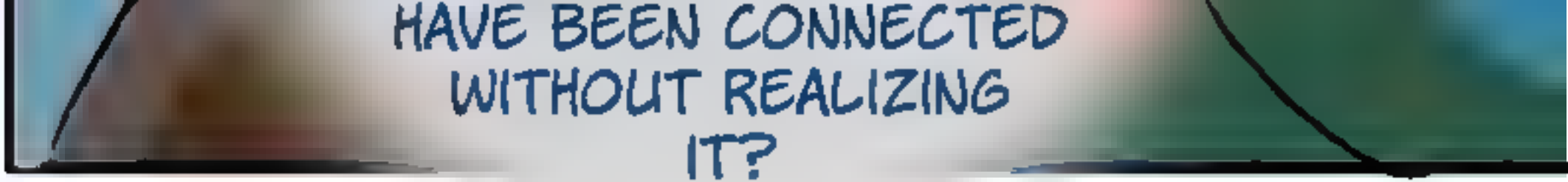

YOU... RECOGNIZE THAT BIRD?

OF COURSE! I KNOW SHE IS SMALLER, BUT SOON SHE WILL GROW.



THE FIREBIRD BELONGS TO *TORI?!*

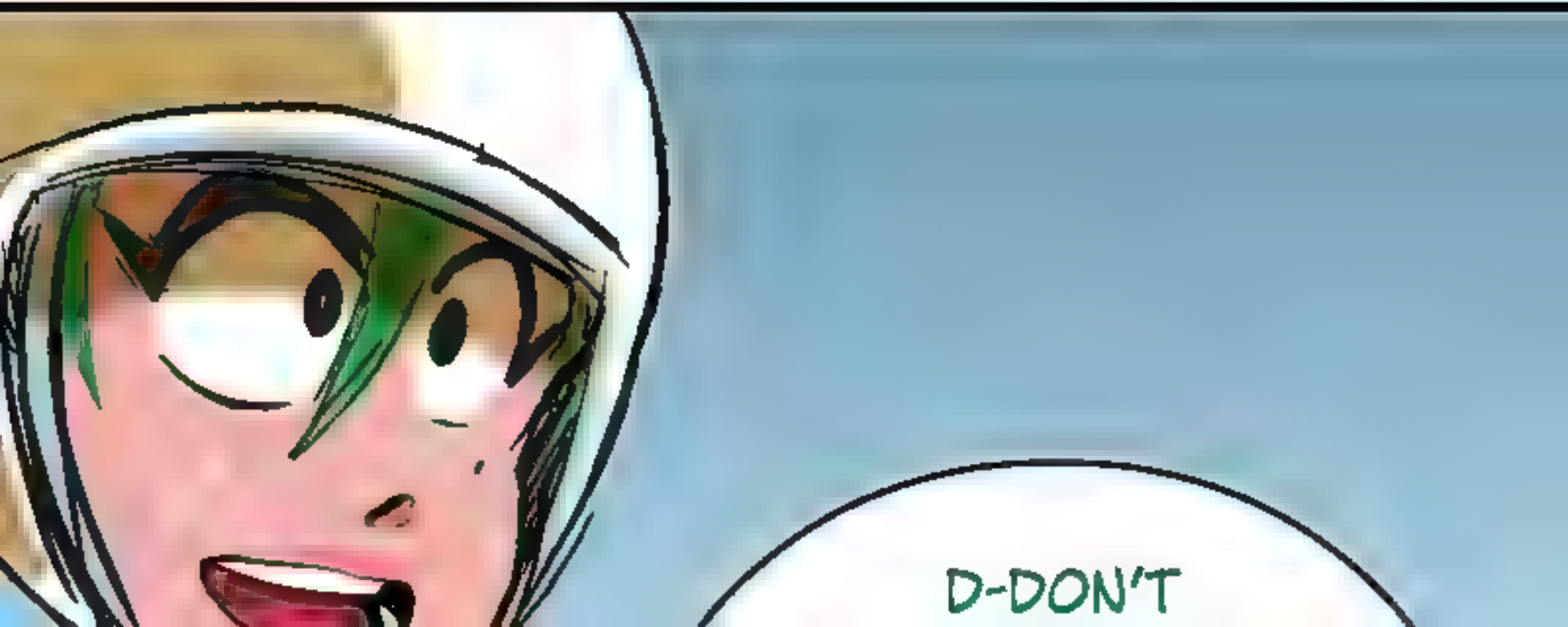

...THAT
WOULD MEAN
TORI AND I SHARED
A CONNECTION BEFORE
THE ROOM OF SWORDS.
HOW MANY OF US MIGHT


HAVE BEEN CONNECTED
WITHOUT REALIZING
IT?

WE HAVE
BEEN SEARCHING
FOR SCARLETT FOR

WEEKS! I DID NOT THINK YE WOULD NOTICE, LET ALONE HAVE THE TIME TO HELP, MY LADY!

THAT'S A PRETTY BIG GESTURE... SOME MIGHT EVEN SAY IT'S ROMANTIC.


D-DON'T

BE SILLY! I ALWAYS HAVE TIME FOR MY SOLDIERS, AND YOU KNOW I THINK VERY HIGHLY OF YOU, TORI!

MY LADY...
YE HAVE NO IDEA
HOW MUCH THAT MEANS
TO ME... HOW CAN I
EVER REPAY THY
KINDNESS?

JUST
CONFESS
ALREADY.

TAK
OH,
DON'T WORRY
ABOUT IT!

TAK
TAK

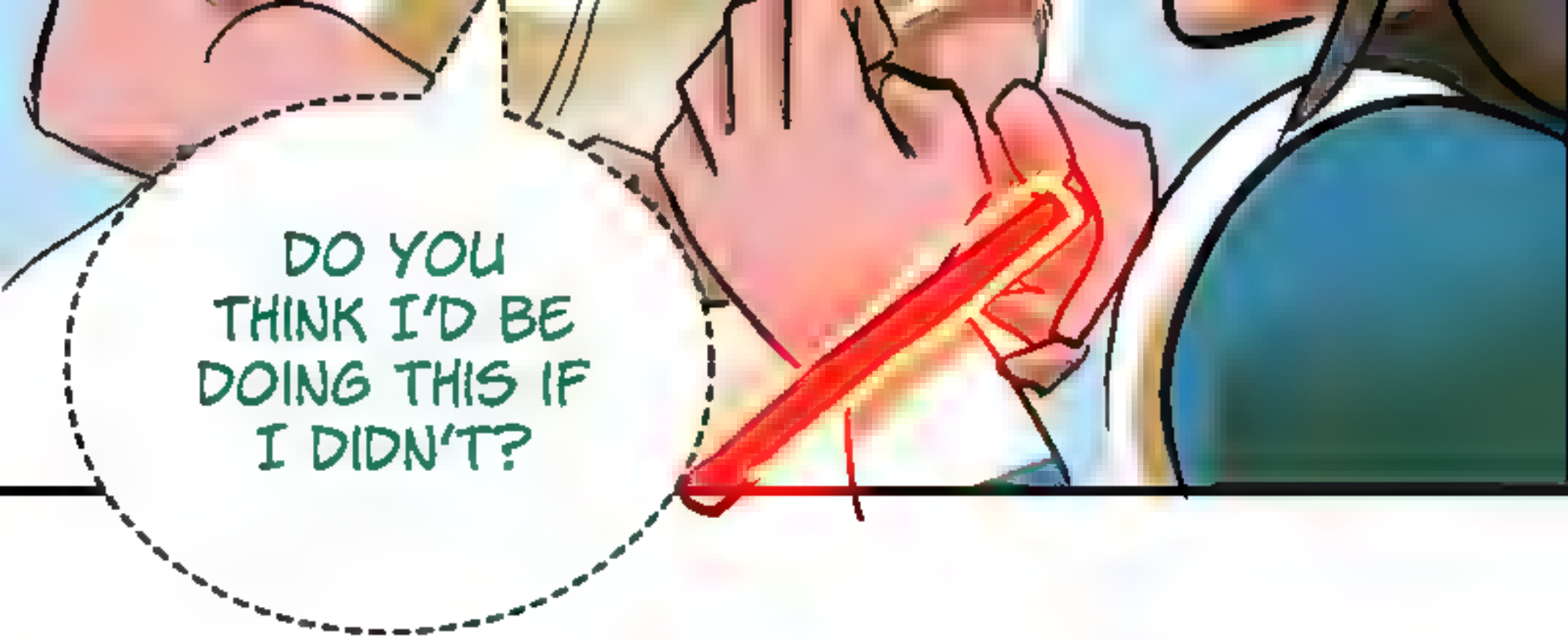
JUST...
KEEP UP THE
GOOD WORK,

OKAY!? VV

"KEEP
UP THE GOOD

WORK"? YOU KNOW
THEY WERE ABOUT
TO TORTURE ME,
RIGHT?

AMELIA



OKAY, WE'RE HEADING OUT!

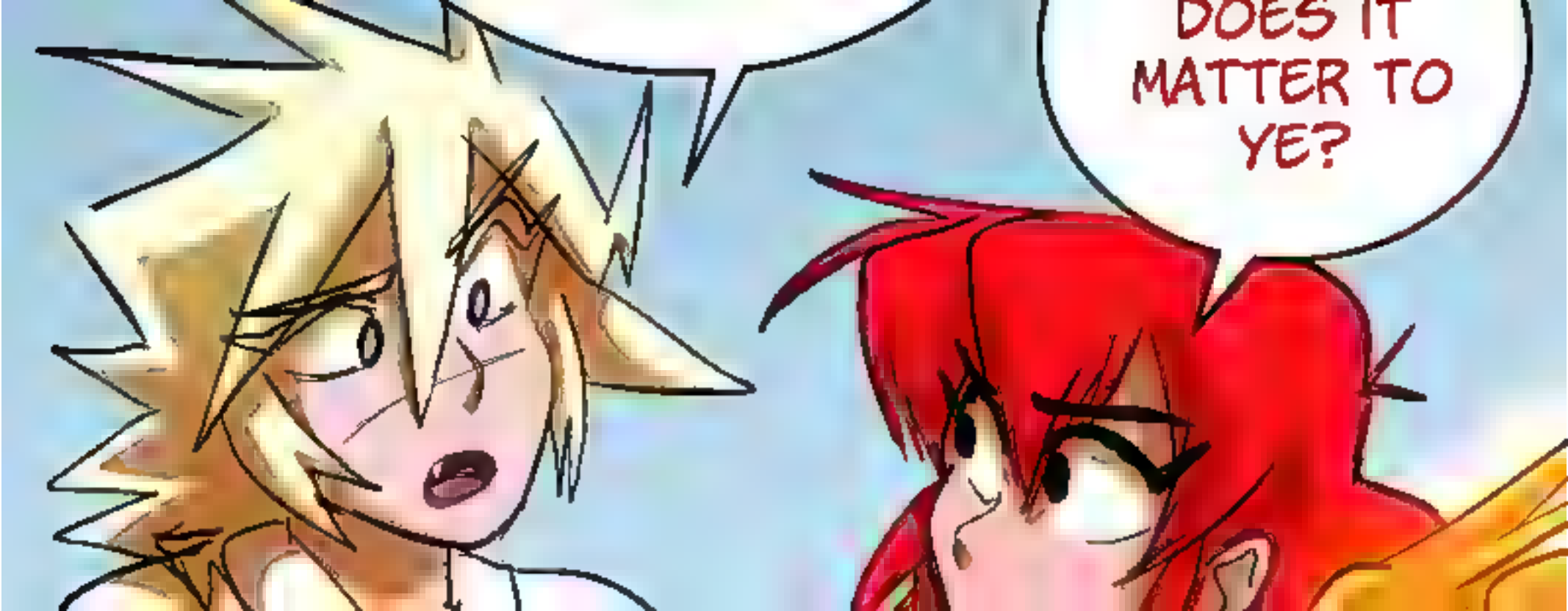
TAK
TAK
TAK
TAK
AMELIA

TAKE GOOD CARE OF THE FIREBIRD!

AFTER

AFTER
ALL THAT, YOU
DIDN'T EVEN TELL
HER HOW YOU FEEL...
I'M DISAPPOINTED,
FANCY PANTS...

WHAT


DOES IT MATTER TO YE?

ARE YOU KIDDING? AFTER ALL THE TIME I'VE LISTENED TO YOU

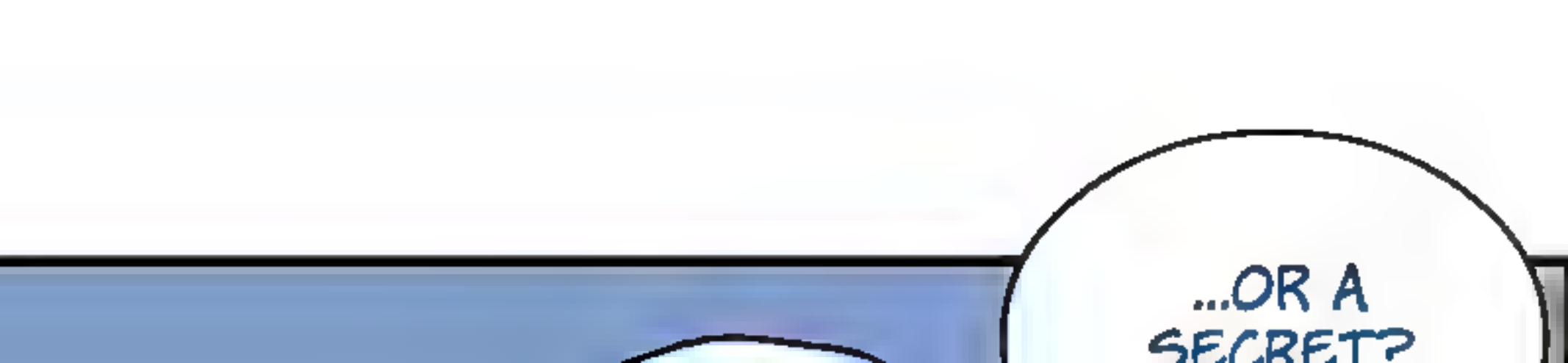
TALK ABOUT AMELIA,
I'M *INVESTED!*

SIT STILL, ARE YOU HURT?

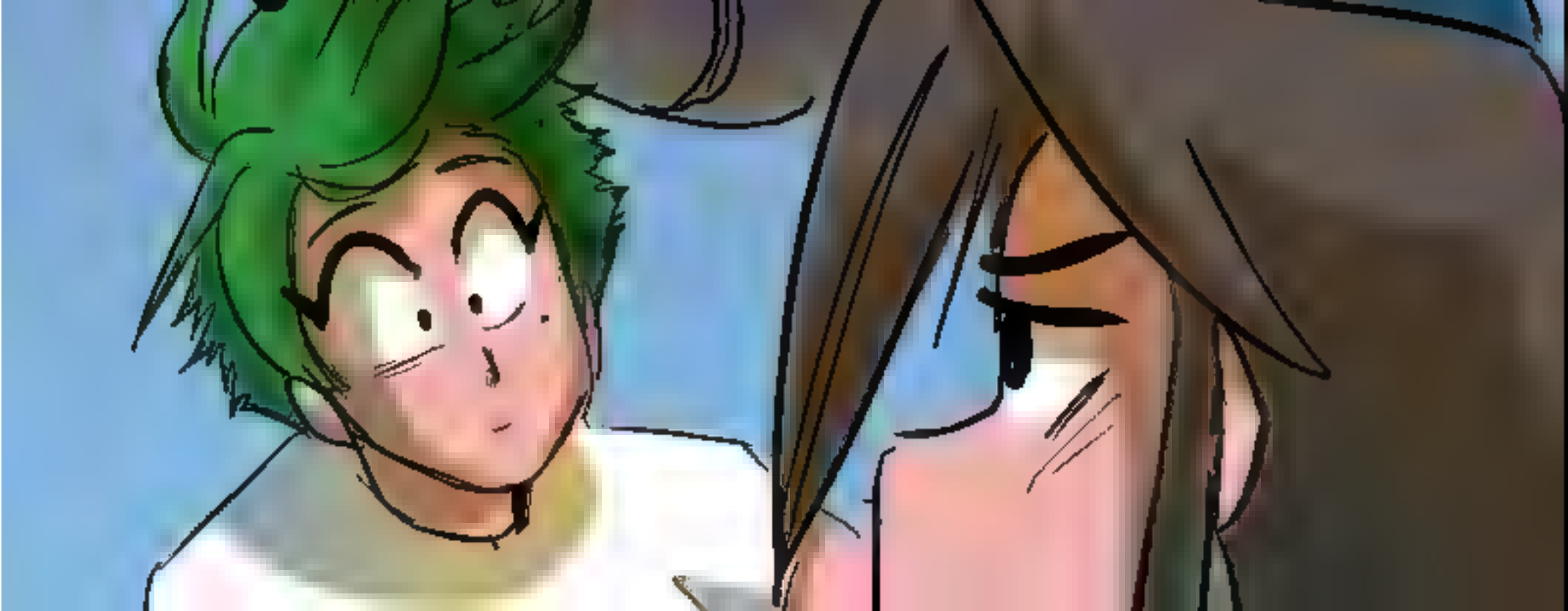
I'M FINE.
I JUST WANT
TO KNOW WHAT'S
GOING ON.

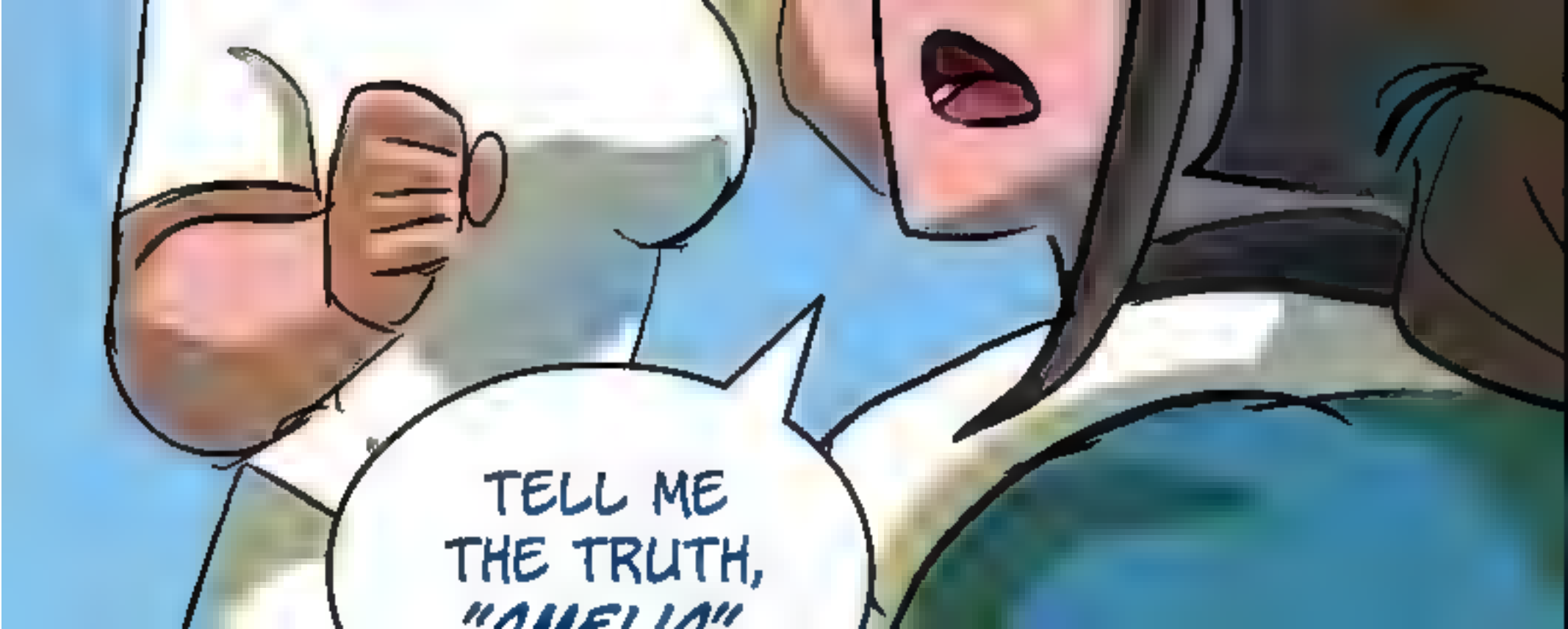
IT'S... KIND OF A LONG STORY.

A LONG STORY...?


...OR A
SECRET?

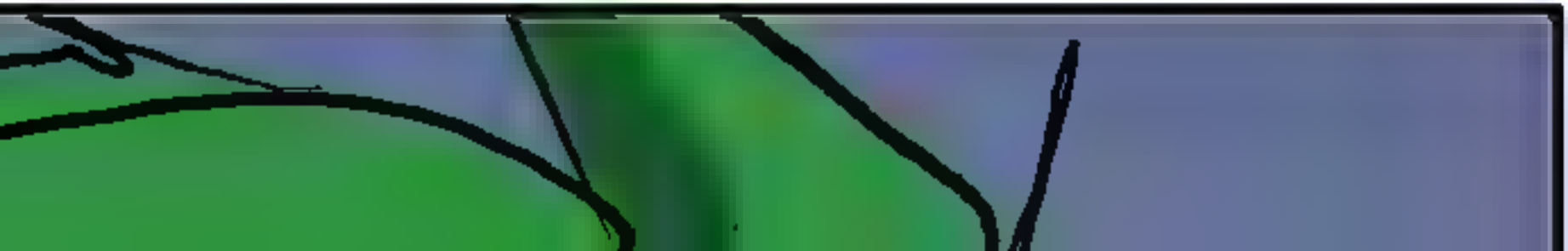
WOOSH



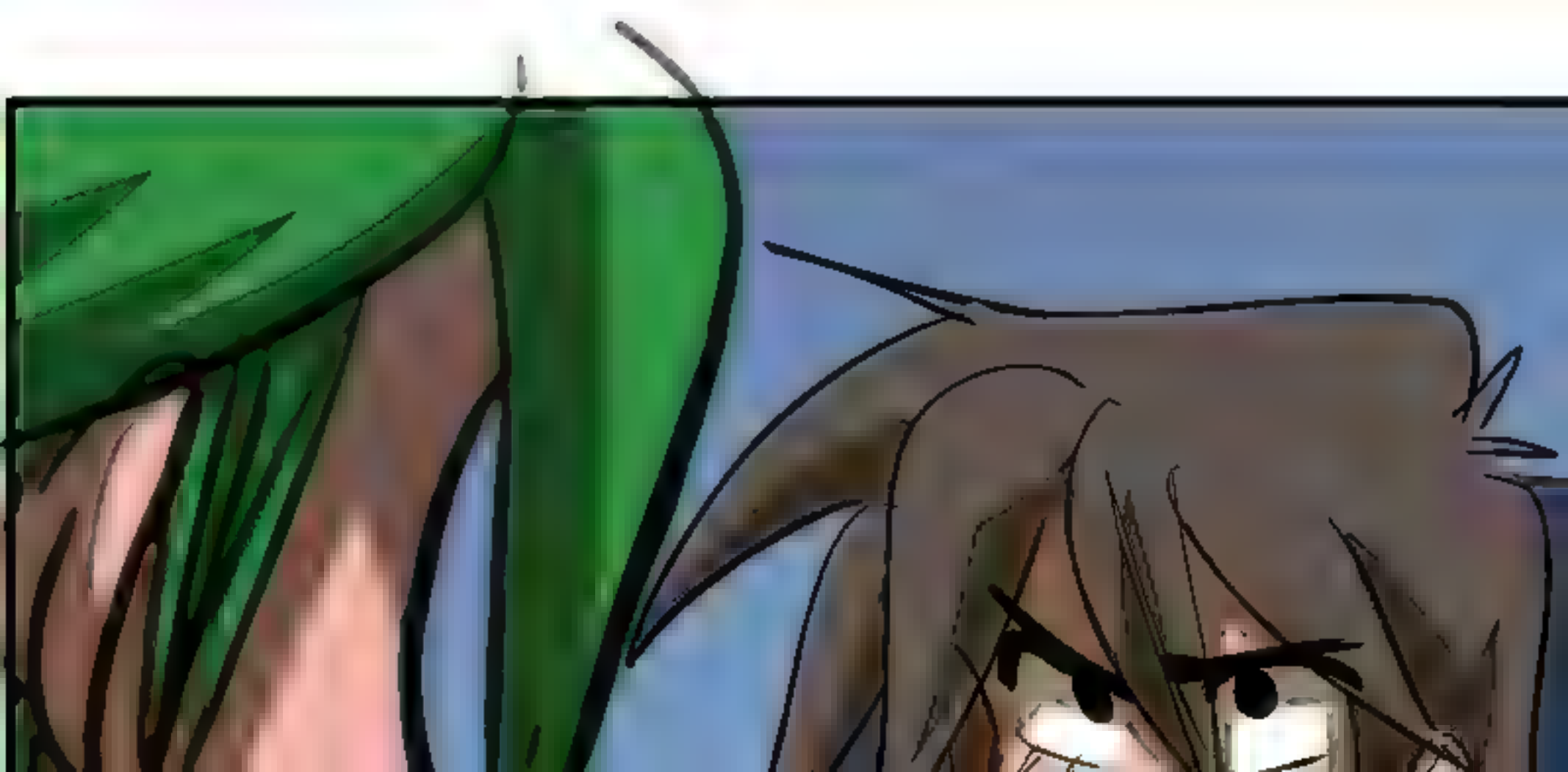

TELL ME
THE TRUTH,
"AMELIA"

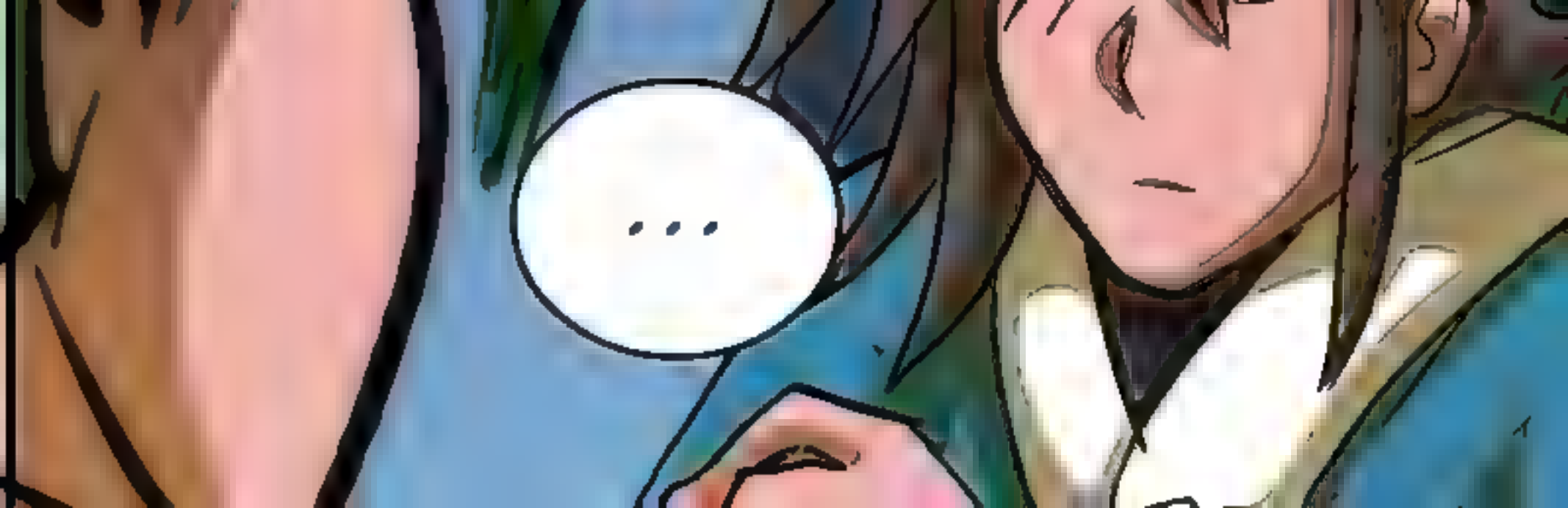
AMELIA!
WHAT
IS THIS
PLACE?

AND
WHY ARE YOU
USING A SECRET
IDENTITY?



IT'S
NOT A SECRET
IDENTITY!

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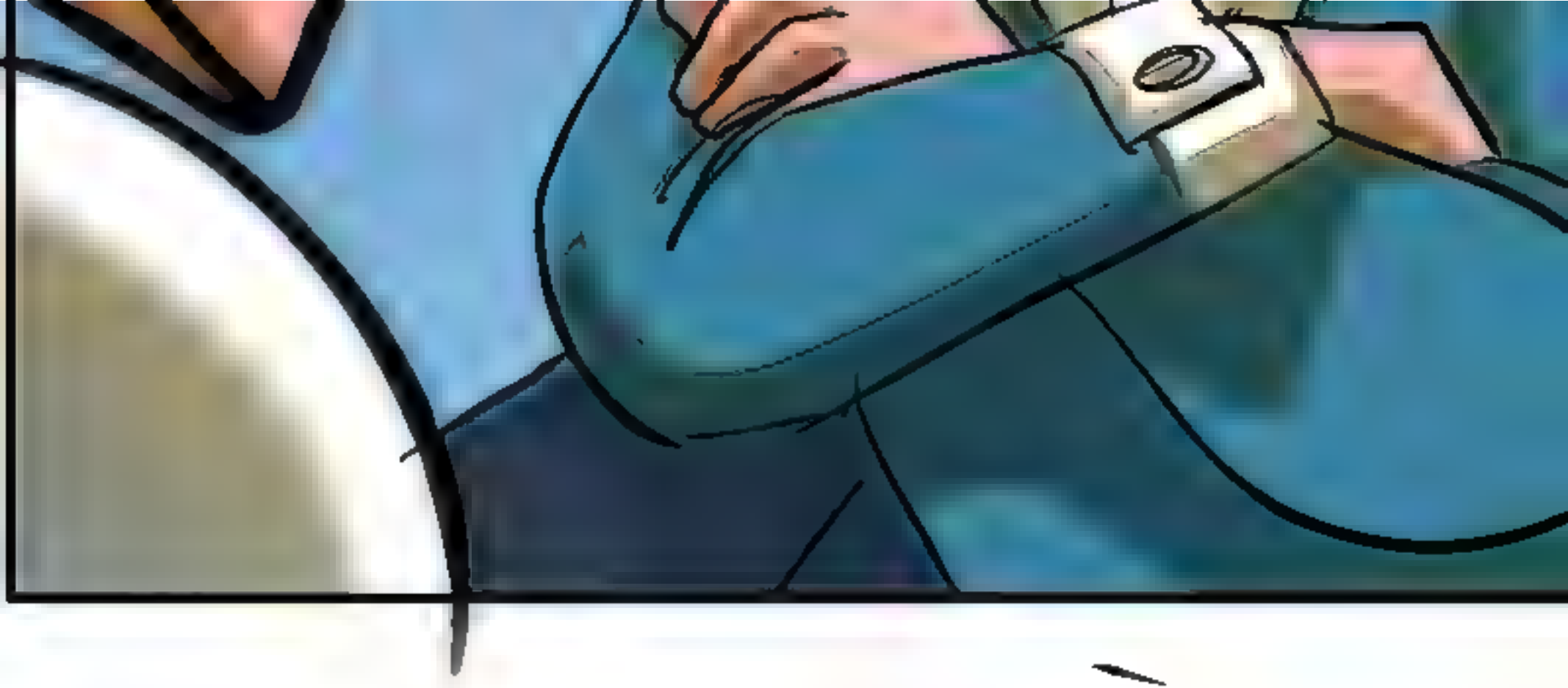


LISTEN,
THIS IS A VSC
FACILITY, BUT

NOT FROM OUR
TIMELINE...

YOU FELL THROUGH A RIFT, AND IN THIS TIMELINE, AMELIA IS THE PRESIDENT OF THE VSC! SO I

DISGUISED MYSELF AS HER TO RESCUE YOU!

YOU CAN

HARDLY CALL
THAT A DISGUISE...
IT'S MORE LIKE A
MAKEOVER.

WHY WOULD TORI AND RAGAN HAVE BELIEVED YOU WERE A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT PERSON WITH A BIT OF MASCARA?

I'LL
HAVE YOU KNOW
IT WAS A BIT MORE

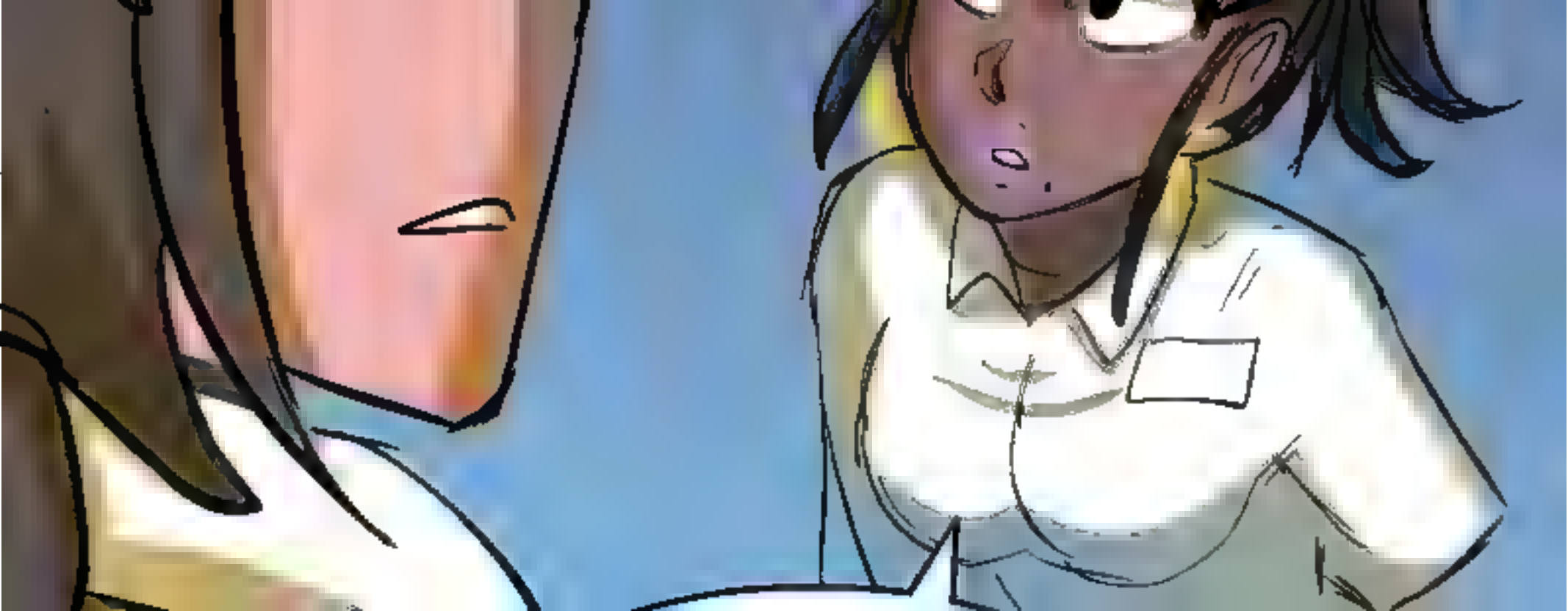
INVOLVED THAN
"A LITTLE
MASCARA"

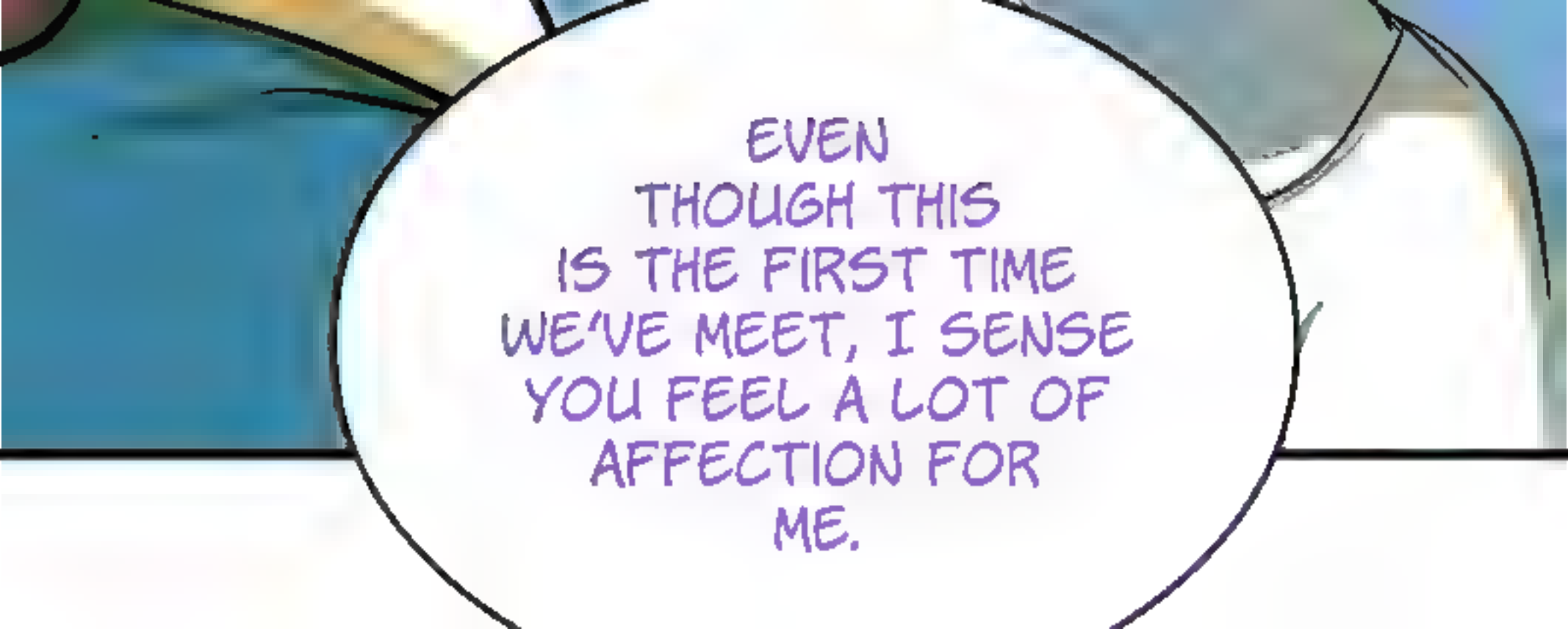
THE

DISGUISE WAS MY IDEA. YOU WERE HIS ONLY PRIORITY, SO DON'T BE TOO UPSET WITH HIM.

NEPHTHYS!

SO
YOU'RE
KODYA...



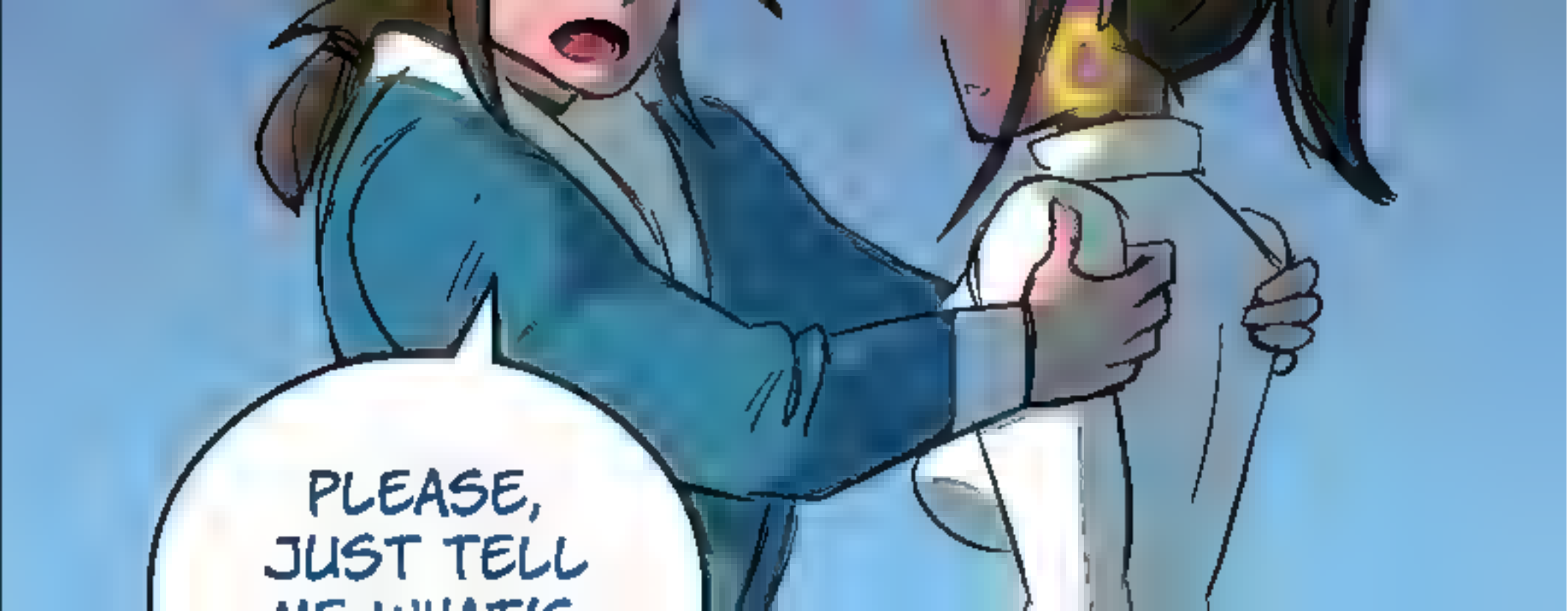

EVEN
THOUGH THIS
IS THE FIRST TIME
WE'VE MEET, I SENSE
YOU FEEL A LOT OF
AFFECTION FOR
ME.

NEPH,
WE'VE BEEN
CLOSE FRIENDS
FOR SEVEN
YEARS!

REALLY?!
THAT'S
EXTRAORDINARY!

WHAT'S
SO HARD TO
BELIEVE ABOUT

THAT?

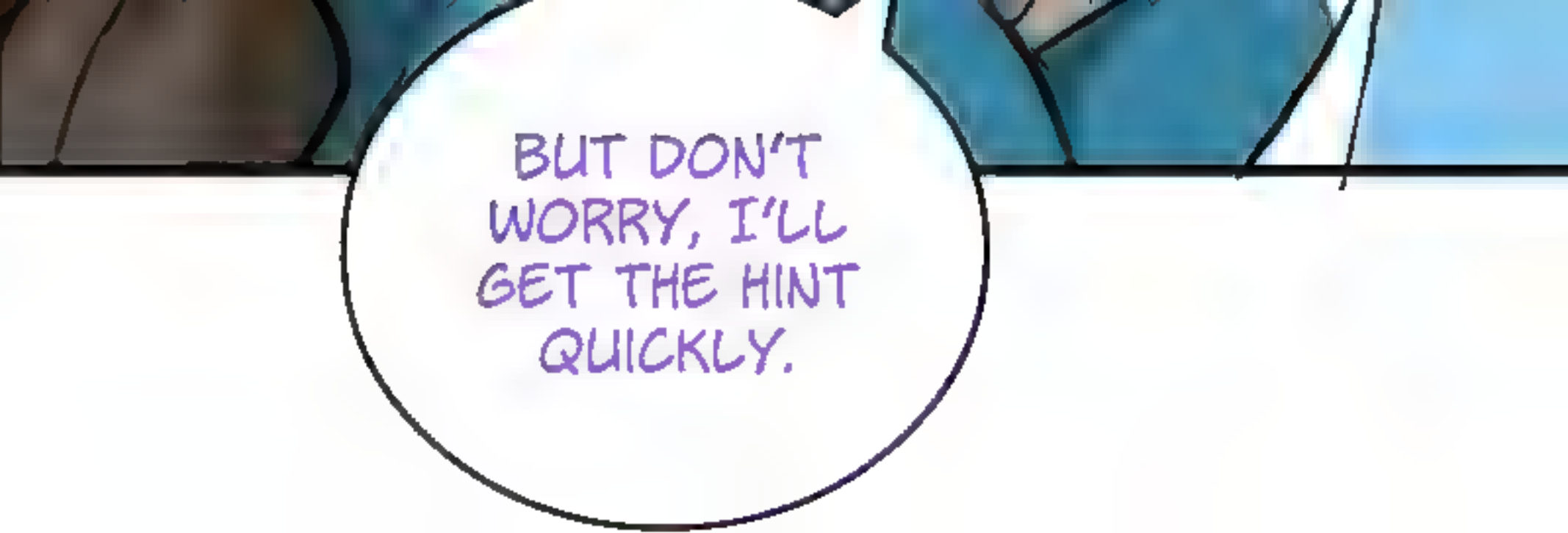

PLEASE, JUST TELL

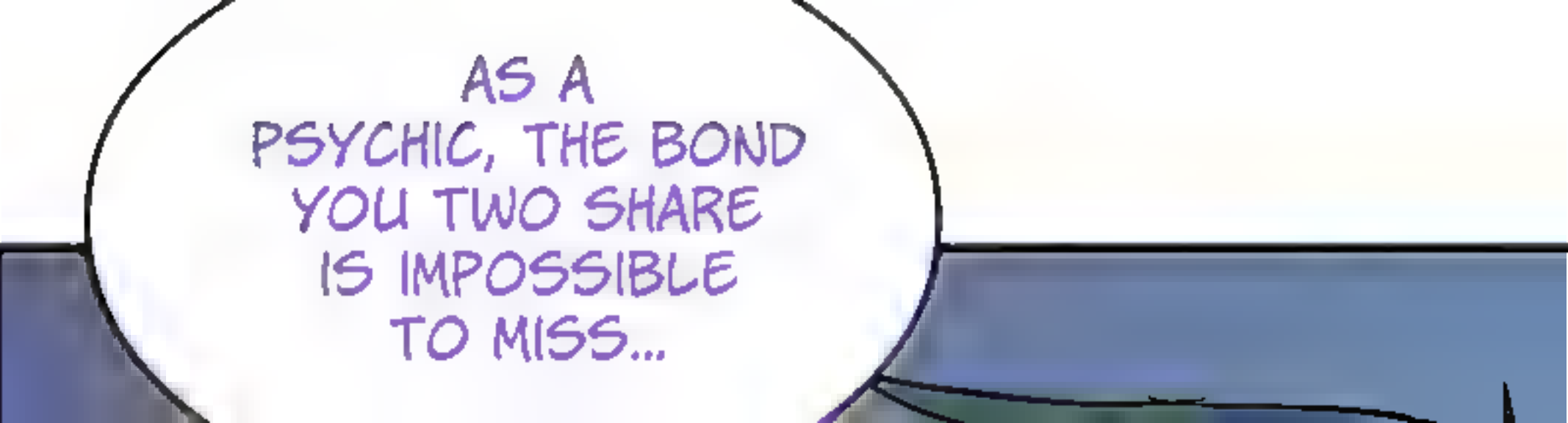
HONESTLY,
I DON'T KNOW...
I PREDICTED GYRUS'

RETURN TO OUR TIMELINE,
BUT NOT YOURS.
SOMETHING MUST
HAVE CHANGED.

BUT NOW THAT YOU'RE HERE, I SENSE... HOPE. I HAVE NO DOUBT WE'LL BE FRIENDS...
I MIGHT EVEN HAVE A LITTLE BIT OF

A CRUSH ON YOU
AT FIRST.

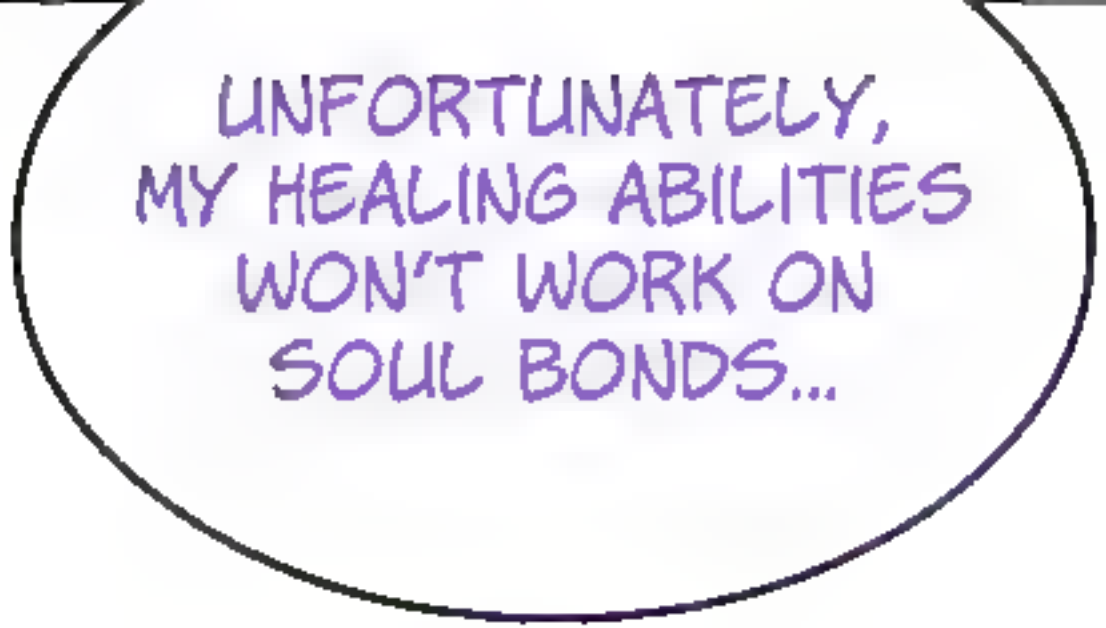

BUT DON'T WORRY, I'LL GET THE HINT QUICKLY.


AS A PSYCHIC, THE BOND YOU TWO SHARE IS IMPOSSIBLE TO MISS...

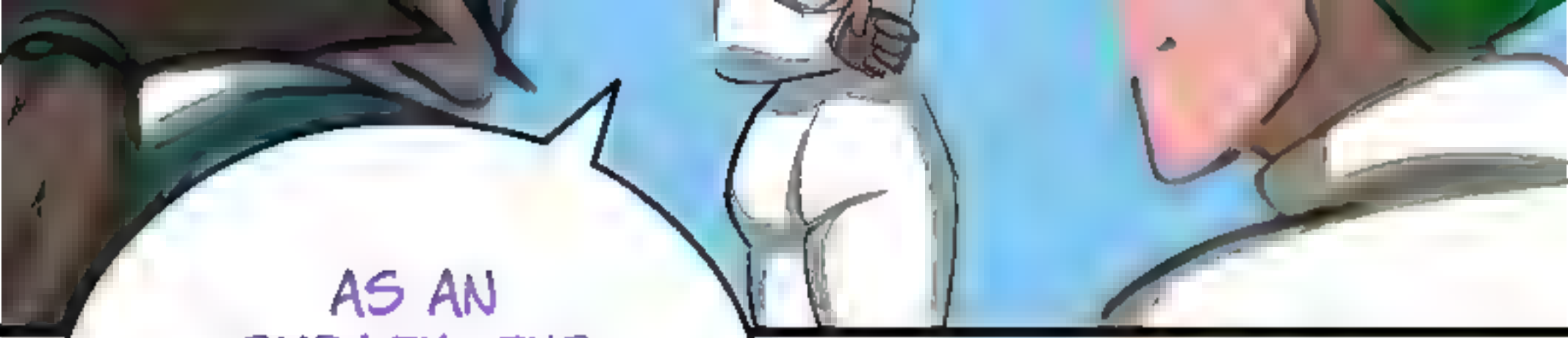
BUT IT
NEEDS TO GROW
STRONGER IF YOU
HOPE TO TRIUMPH
OVER WHAT'S TO

COME.

THERE'S A LOT OF HURT BETWEEN THE TWO OF YOU... THAT WILL EAT AWAY AT YOUR BOND IF ITS NOT RESOLVED.


UNFORTUNATELY,
MY HEALING ABILITIES
WON'T WORK ON
SOUL BONDS...

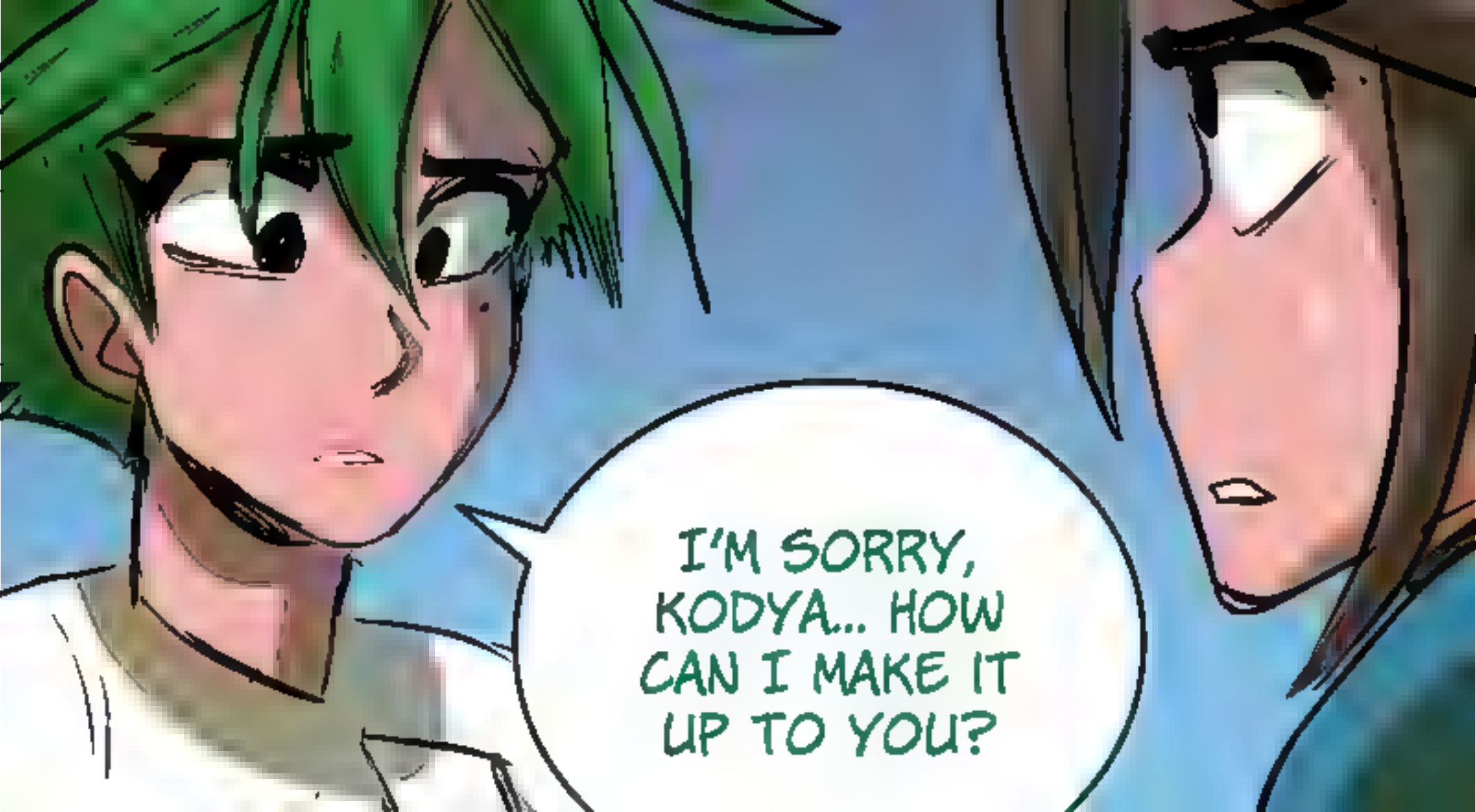
BUT I CAN ALWAYS SENSE A FELLOW PSYCHIC CLASS, KODYA.


AS AN EMPATH, THE HEART AND SOUL IS YOUR DOMAIN.

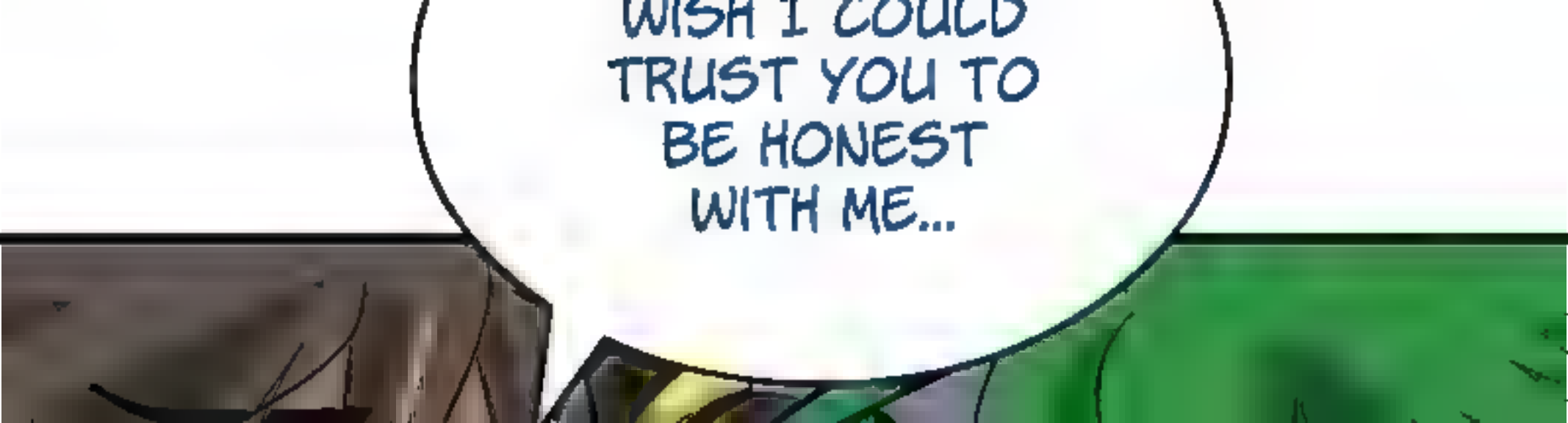
BUT IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME SINCE YOU'VE USED YOUR POWERS FOR ANYTHING OTHER THAN OFFENSE.

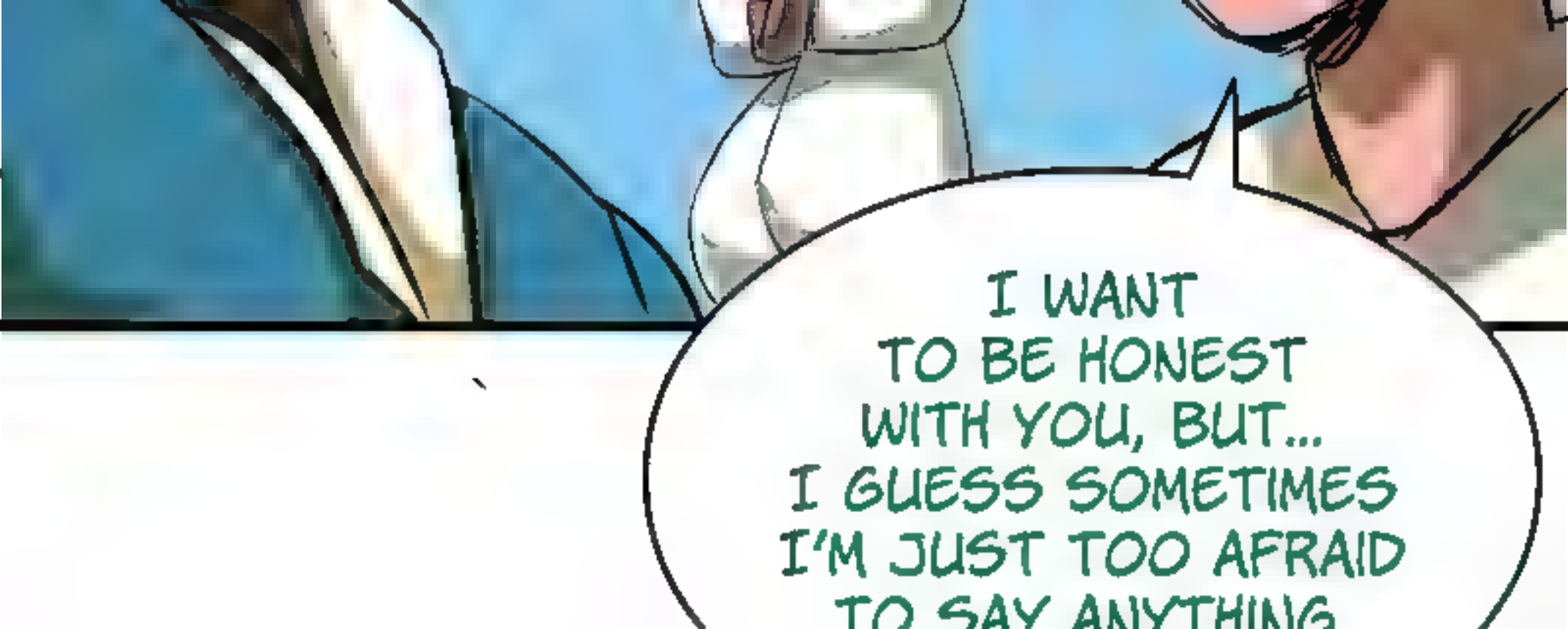
AM I RIGHT?

...NOT SINCE THE INCIDENT.


I'M SORRY, KODYA... HOW CAN I MAKE IT UP TO YOU?

I JUST


I WISH I COULD
TRUST YOU TO
BE HONEST
WITH ME...

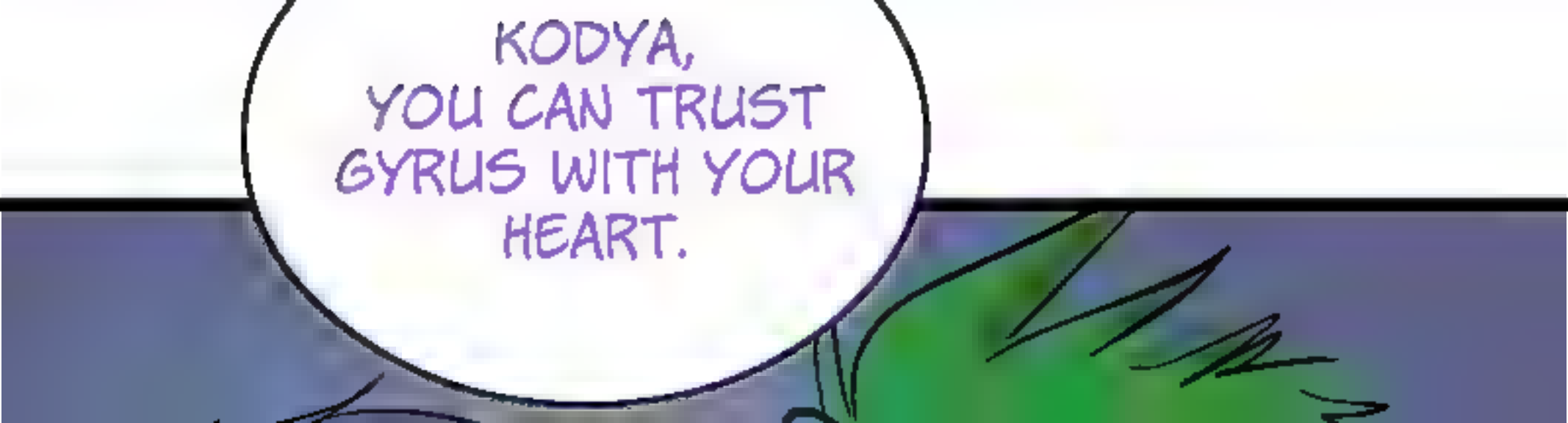

I WANT
TO BE HONEST
WITH YOU, BUT...
I GUESS SOMETIMES
I'M JUST TOO AFRAID
TO SAY ANYTHING

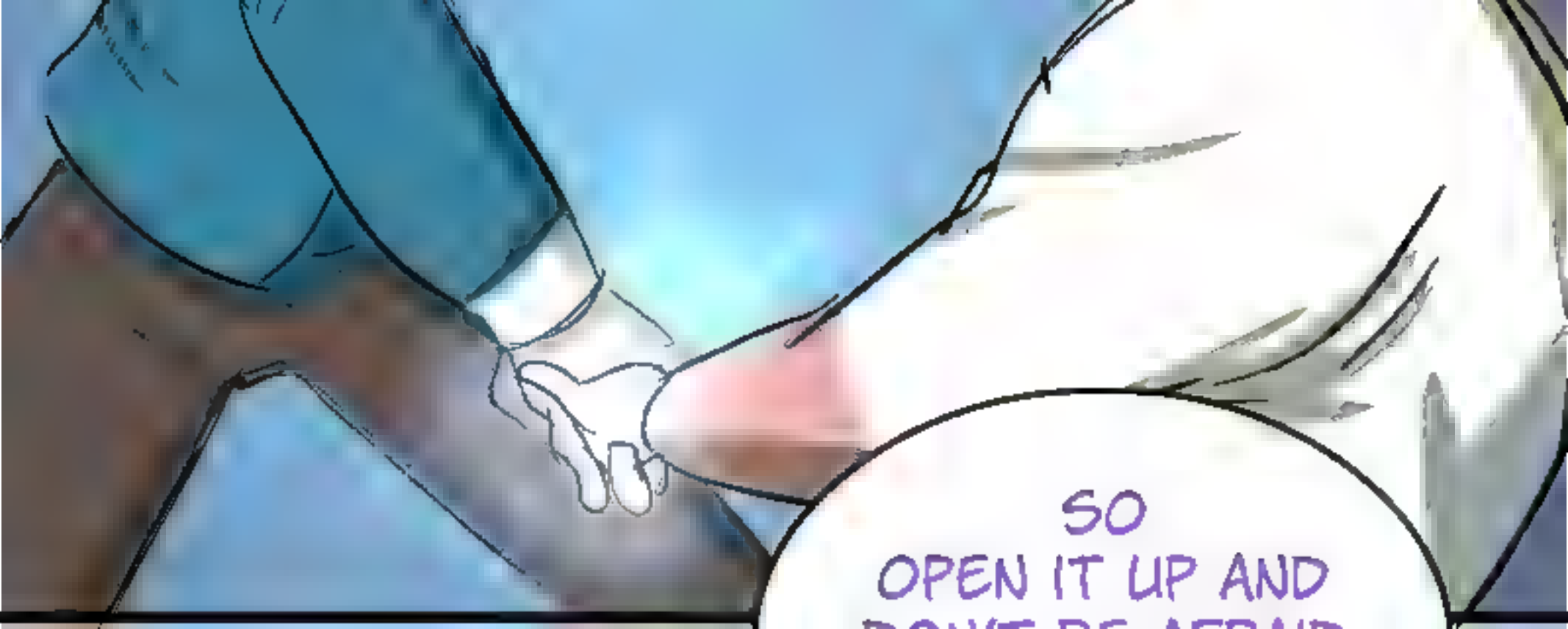
TO SAY ANYTHING.

WHY DON'T WE TRY THIS?

YOU BOTH NEED TO LEARN TO TRUST EACH OTHER...

GYRUS,
YOU CAN TRUST
KODYA WITH YOUR
SECRETS.


KODYA,
YOU CAN TRUST
GYRUS WITH YOUR
HEART.


SO
OPEN IT UP AND

DON'T BE AFRAID OF WHAT YOU'LL FEEL.

...I FEEL REGRET AND

REGRET AND
RESPONSIBILITY...
YOU'RE WORRIED
ABOUT SOMEONE...
YOUR MOTHER?

YEAH...
I THINK SHE

MAY HAVE STARTED
THE WAR WITH
DON...

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